



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FRANKLIN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 6, 2026

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLESSINGS

"Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:18 (NIV)

As summer begins to wind down, many families in our community are preparing for a new school year. Students are gathering supplies, finding their classrooms, and wondering what lies ahead. Teachers are arranging desks, planning lessons, and preparing to welcome young minds into their care.

As followers of Christ, we know that education is more than books and assignments. It is about nurturing the gifts God has placed within each person. Every child is created in God's image and filled with unique potential. Every teacher carries the sacred opportunity to encourage, guide, and inspire.

This season reminds us that our faith calls us to support one another in practical ways. We can pray for students who may be anxious about a new school. We can encourage teachers who pour their hearts into serving our children. We can donate supplies, volunteer our time, and show kindness to families navigating busy schedules and new routines.

John Wesley taught that there is no holiness but social holiness, meaning that our faith is lived out in community. As a church, may we be a people who not only speak God's love but demonstrate it through acts of compassion and support.

Let us pray for a school year filled with growth, wisdom, safety, and hope. And may every student, teacher, staff member, and family know that they are deeply loved by God and supported by their community of faith.

Prayer: Lord, bless our students, teachers, and school staff as they begin a new year. Fill them with wisdom, patience, courage, and joy. Help us to be your hands and feet, offering encouragement and support wherever it is needed. In Christ's name, Amen

Backpack Sunday

AUGUST 9TH

10:45 am Service

Noon School Supply Giveaway

Join us for Worship -- students and all school personnel to receive a special blessing for the new school year.

Free School Supplies handed out after Worship!

303 South Main St., Franklin, OH 45005
www.franklinfirstumc.org

Franklin First UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Aug 9, 2026	Aug 16, 2026
Greeters: Barb & Gary Ogdin	Greeters: Cheryl Krasnowski Grayson & Amanda Leffew
Elevator Greeter: Cheryl Cyphers	Elevator Greeter: Volunteer Needed
Ushers: Nancy Massey Dorothy Rayburg Jason Leffew Sally Fitzgerald	Ushers: Cheryl Cyphers Paul Anderson Karen Anderson Volunteer Needed
Liturgist: Peggy Darragh-Jeromos	Liturgist: Peggy Darragh-Jeromos
Opening/Closing: Jim Martin	Opening/Closing: Jim Martin

Kids' Fishing Club Meeting — Rescheduled —
This SUNDAY, AUGUST 9th

Mark your calendars! The Youth Fishing club is all about building community, fostering mentorship, and helping kids unplug so they can connect deeply with both faith and nature by pairing youth with adult mentors for cross-generational connections.

We are actively looking for adult volunteers! Whether you are an expert angler or simply want to be a supportive presence for our young people, we invite you to get involved.



What: Organizational Meeting

When: Sunday, August 9th, at Noon (right after service)

Where: Fellowship Hall

Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, August 9th

Youth Fishing Club

Organizational Meeting

Noon

Wednesday, August 12th

Endowment Meeting

2:30 PM

Monday, August 24th

Women's Circle

6:30 pm



Kickoff Dinner & Meeting

We are getting together for a special organizing dinner and meeting to kick off our upcoming season, and we would love for you to join us:

Date: Monday, August 24th

Time: 6:30 PM

Where: Church Dining Room

Details: Meat and drinks are provided—just bring a dish to share!

Come on out for a relaxed evening of good food and conversation as we plan out a fun and purposeful season ahead.

We can't wait to see you there!



AUGUST 16TH

After Worship in the Dining Room

Elevator Greeter

Needed for

August 16th.

**Contact the office
if you can help.**

A CROPPIN' GOOD TIME

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2026 - 6-11 PM
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026 - 9 AM - 8 PM

**SIXTEEN HOURS OF
SCRAPBOOKING & CRAFTING, FUN
WITH FRIENDS!**

**SATURDAY BRUNCH &
DINNER INCLUDED**

LEARN MORE AT: WWW.FRANKLINFIRSTUMC.ORG

**BACK TO SCHOOL
SUPPLY
DRIVE**

Franklin First is collecting school supplies for our local teachers and students. All supplies will be donated to a student, teacher, or school. Purchase any of the below items and drop off to 303 S. Main St, Franklin.

- Headphones
- Pencils
- Colored Pencils,
- Markers
- Crayons
- Pens - blue, black, red
- Highlighters
- Loose leaf paper
- Spiral notebook
- 1 & 5 -subject
- Folders - with pockets
- Binder - 1.5", 2"
- Composition notebook
- Backpack - no wheels
- Glue sticks 4
- Pencil Box/Pouch
- Scissors
- Erasers
- Dry Erase Markers
- Binder Tab Dividers

FFUMC Weekly Calendar

A current Franklin First Calendar can also be found on our [website](#).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8/9/2026	8/10/2026	8/11/2026	8/12/2026	8/13/2026	8/14/2026	8/15/2026	8/16/2026
Backpack Sunday 9:15 am Faith Seekers 10:45 am Worship Service Livestreamed Noon after Worship Fishing Club Meeting Fellowship Hall	Office Closed	Office Open 9—2:30 pm	Office Open 9—2:30 pm 2:30 pm Endowment Committee	Office Open 9 —2:30 pm 4:00—5:00 pm St. Mary's Community Dinner	Office Closed	Office Closed	Fellowship Sunday 9:15 am Faith Seekers 10:45 am Worship Service Livestreamed

ANGEL SHOP

FREE GENTLY USED FORMAL WEAR FOR TEENS

OPEN
AUGUST 16TH - OCTOBER 11TH
FOR HOMECOMING SHOPPING

FRANKLIN FIRST UMC
303 S. MAIN ST.
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- Birthdays
 - August 01 Ch
 - August 05 Jim Martin
 - August 06 Nancy Massey
 - August 08 Mike Jarvis
 - August 09 Brian Graves
 - August 18 Arya Bell
 - August 19 Teresa Lass
 - August 19 Carol Sweney
 - August 22 Paul Anderson
 - August 22 Mallory Chilcutt
 - August 24 Donnie Rogers
 - August 24 Jennifer Schramm
 - August 25 Amanda Leffew
 - August 30 John Goodpaster
- Anniversaries
 - August 10 Bill & Cindy Kuntzman
 - August 27 Ryan & Regina Hynes
 - August 31 Jim & Kathy Martin



National Night Out 2026

PRAYER LIST

-Italicized green text indicates a new prayer request since last week's announcements.

Our confined members:

- JoAnn Achtermann – home (6734 Catskill Dr. Franklin 45005)
- Don Chamberlain – home (6338 Decker Rd. Franklin)
- Hiram Fullen – home (6649 Hamilton-Middletown Road, Franklin)
- Jackie Messmore – Carlisle Manor (730 Hillcrest Ave. Carlisle 45005)
- Dick Taylor – home (8096 E. Lawn Dr., Franklin, OH 45005)

Our weekly prayer list:

- War with Iran
- *For the friends & family of Mary Harville's sister Sheila upon her passing; Mary thanks everyone for their prayers over the past few months.*
- *Lisa Dillion recovery from cataract surgery*
- Jo Steinberger – 2 specific lung infections, quarantine at home & getting meds
- For Charlotte Summer – healing for broken ribs, rehabbing at daughter's house
- Judy Bowman for husband Bob – scheduled for knee surgery August 3
- Monica Rhude for son Steve's fiancé Brooke Franks – hospitalized/dialysis
- For Lisa Dillon – cataract surgery scheduled for August 3, Rick's healing for toe injury
- Cindy Kuntzman for husband Bill – vertigo
- Julie Abell – PRAISE that Marshall is doing good after being hit by car on his scooter
- Jan Truesdell for sister Judy Deal – radiation treatments – going well
- Cheryl Cypher for daughter Ashley's job search & depression
- Nancy Massey for friend Bill Myers – broke ankle; granddaughter Samantha – surgery recovery
- Ogdins – for Barb – kidney stones; unspoken request
- Shirley Berold – health challenges & black mold issues at condo
- Mary Harville – undergoing treatment for non-Hodgkins Lymphoma, sister Sheila under Hospice Care
- Gib Woody for sister-in-law Nancy Woody – undetermined health issues
- Linda Rose & family – in Hospice
- Mike Smith for Eddie & Michelle Wallace – Eddie on quality of life care
- Sherri Tutt - multiple family members in health crisis
- Mike & Vicki Jarvis – prayers needed for illness
- Judy Deskins for son Jared – unspoken request

Contact Theresa or Pastor Laura to make additions or changes to this list



IN NEED OF IMMEDIATE PRAYERS?

Text or call request sent to our Prayer Chain.

If you have an immediate prayer request, text Lee Saunders at 513-833-6920 & Lee will forward it to our prayer warriors.

SUBMIT A PRAYER REQUEST ANYTIME

Your church family cares for you. Whether you're carrying a burden or celebrating a joy, we are here to pray with you. Your request goes directly to Pastor Laura and will be added to our prayer list as indicated in your request.

[Click here](#) or visit our [website](#)—to share your Prayer Request.